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1. The reply filed on May 29, 2008 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action

because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The restriction requirement dated

May 1, 2008 specified that "The reply must also identify the claims readable on the

elected species, including any claims subsequently added" (page 3, last paragraph).

However, the claims specified by applicant in the reply to the restriction requirement

cannot be the correct set of claims readable on the elected species. For example,

applicants elected acrylic acid as one of the species and state that claims 107-111 read

on this species. Since claim 107 depends from claim 77, 70, and 65, these claims also

necessarily read on the elected species.

2. Thus, the claim set upon which examination should properly proceed was

unclear. Applicants are required to provide an accurate listing of the claims readable

upon the elected species which will be examined further on the merits of the claims.

Such clarification will facilitate future examination by ensuring that examination

commences on the proper claim set.

3. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide,

applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this

notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to

avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED

UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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